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**GOV. EASLEY TO CONDUCT AERIAL TOUR OF COLUMBUS COUNTY AND
MEET WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS AND RESPONDERS**

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley will conduct an aerial tour of the storm damage in Riegelwood in Columbus County and then meet with local officials and emergency responders **TODAY, NOV. 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the Riegelwood Community Center (105 Highway 87) in Riegelwood.**

Deadly winds and torrential rains moved through North Carolina late Wednesday and early Thursday. The Governor activated the State Emergency Response Team and dispatched emergency crews to assist affected counties. The storm's worst damage occurred Thursday morning in Riegelwood in Columbus County where several deaths, scores of injuries and dozens of homes destroyed have been reported. There have also been damage reports from Iredell, Lincoln and Rowan counties in the western part of the state.

UNC-TV, as a service to the state, will provide pool coverage of the tour.

The satellite coordinates for the pool feed are:

Satellite SBS 6 located at 74 deg west

KU band only

Transponder 3

Downlink frequency 11774 Mhz

Downlink Polarity Horizontal

Audio 6.2 Mhz, 6.8 Mhz

BW full transponder

This is an analog transmission.

The feed will be available from 4:05 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you experience problems, please call Greg Grissom at 919/485-3346.

From Raleigh: Travel I-40 East to exit 328 A (I-95 South). Take I-95 South to exit 14. Turn left onto US-74. Travel approximately 40 to 50 miles and turn left onto NC-87. The Riegelwood Community Center will be on the left.

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